

Amendment to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A drying apparatus comprising a cylindrical rotatable drum $[(1)]$, the inside of which is provided with a steam pipe system ~~consisting of~~ comprising heat transfer elements $[(7)]$, to be rotated with the drum, the heat transfer elements $[(7)]$ being detachable from and mountable on the drum $[(1)]$, whereby material to be dried is fed to a first end of the drying apparatus, the material being arranged to be discharged through a second end of the drying apparatus, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the heat transfer element $[(7)]$ is formed as a uniform packet of several longitudinal pipes $[(8)]$ and connecting pipes $[(9)]$ between them in such a way that the structure of the heat transfer element is formed self-supporting and ~~that~~ this self-supporting packet is attached to the drum $[(1)]$ frame with fastening that allows heat expansion.

2. (Currently Amended) A drying apparatus according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the heat transfer element $[(7)]$ is formed as a sector-shaped packet in such a way that the heat transfer element ~~(7) consists of~~ comprising several longitudinal pipes $[(8)]$ at the edges of the element and of connecting pipes $[(9)]$ connecting them together.

3. (Currently Amended) A drying apparatus according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein there is a two-part support structure $[(11)]$ in connection with the heat transfer element $[(7)]$ in such a way that the longitudinal pipes remain between the halves of the support structure $[(11)]$.

4. (Currently Amended) A drying apparatus according to ~~any one of the preceding~~ claim[[s]] 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein an abrasion resistant plate [[[27)]] is arranged between the heat transfer element [[[7)]] and the drum [[[1)]]].

5. (Currently Amended) A drying apparatus according to ~~any of the preceding~~ claim[[s]] 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein there is a steam pressure vessel [[[17)]] at the end of the drum [[[1)]] of the steam drier and at least one steam manifold [[[14)]] at the end of the heat transfer element [[[7)]]], and ~~that~~ the steam manifold [[[14)]] is connected to the steam pressure vessel [[[17)]] with a connecting pipe [[[15)]]].

6. (Currently Amended) A drying apparatus according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the diameter of the steam pressure vessel (17) is ~~so great that it~~ extends to the area of the heat transfer elements [[[7)]]].

7. (Currently Amended) A drying apparatus according to claim 5 ~~or 6~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the steam drier comprises a protection plate [[[25)]] for protecting the connecting pipe [[[15)]]].

8. (New) A drying apparatus according to claim 6 wherein the steam drier comprises a protection plate for protecting the connecting pipe.